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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Action mailed October 27, 1999, in connection with the above-referenced patent application, Applicants respectfully request that the following amendment be entered.

In the Claims:

1. (twice amended) An isolated DNA selected from the group consisting of:

(a) DNA encoding a protein [having] comprising an amino acid sequence of amino acids 1 through 417 of SEQ ID NO:2;

(b) DNA encoding a protein [having] comprising an amino acid sequence of amino acids 1 through 411 of SEQ ID NO:6;

(c) DNA molecules capable of hybridization to ^{the complement of} the DNA of (a) under stringent conditions ~~that include~~ [50°C, and 5X SSC] 6 X SSC at 63°C and washing in 3X SSC at 55°C, and which encode a polypeptide capable of inducing apoptosis; and

(d) DNA molecules encoding [biologically active] fragments of proteins encoded by the DNA of (a), (b) or (c) ^{fragments} ~~the fragment~~ being capable of inducing apoptosis..

3. (twice amended) An isolated DNA selected from the group consisting of:

(a) [a] DNA encoding a protein [having] comprising an amino acid sequence of amino acids 1 through 417 of SEQ ID NO: 2;

(b) [a] DNA encoding a protein [having] comprising an amino acid sequence of amino acids 1 through 411 of SEQ ID NO: 6;